

We are an army 5000 strong, valiant and true, fighting for our King. Its ensign fair is the Cross of Christ and each soldier is clad in the armor of God, having on the "breast-plate of righteousness, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit." The legion of the K. C. is the aid-de-camp of the Church. Like the Grecian Niobe its pride and hope is in its children—the evangelists of the skies. They enter the ranks and as active K. C. workers they are educated for the greater work that awaits them in the Church. Now and then a poor little out-cast timid and alone finds its way within its sacred walls. The child's subtle influence unconsciously draws the degenerate parents into a nobler life and their souls are added to the Church.

In the age of the CAESAR'S out from the Forum at Rome proceeded the great highways North, South, East and West to the center of every province of the empire, making each market-town of Persia, Spain and Britain pervious to the soldiers of the capital: so out of the Church go as it were highways—the Children's Societies—to every heart to reduce it, under its benign influence. Amid Earth's paltry show an enlightened child, one crowned with the dew of heaven is like a lonely, pure, white lily in a stagnant pool; or like the beautiful moss growing in the desert, which brought a message of comfort and hope to despairing Mungo Park.

When the angel with the amaranthine wreath paused at your door on his celestial way, and beckoned your best loved one to follow him, did he not awake your better soul that slumbered? "The Reaper gazed at the flowers with tearful eyes, He kissed their drooping leaves; it was for the Lord of Paradise. He bound them in his sheaves." But shall they not all bloom again in the fields of light? In the sunny valleys of heaven shall not the marigold creep? On the high hills will not the amaranth bloom? On the amethystine walls will not the Jasmine climb? Truly such was the conception of the poet who called the heavens the infinite meadows, and the stars the for-get-me-nots of the angels. May God help us as K. C. to realize our work of redemption.

I saw two pictures.

They both portrayed an angry sea. In the midst of each lashed by the waves was a cross, firmly planted on a solid rock. In one a maiden was clinging to the cross while all around her the angry billows roared. How beautiful! But infinitely more beautiful was the other; the maiden clinging to her support with one hand had reached forth the other into the turbulent waters to save a sinking soul.

An aged saint whose service and suffering were almost ended had a vision of what was awaiting him. Across the blue waters a boat glided swiftly toward him, while strains of sweetest music floated on the air. In the boat were glorified beings in white, glistening raiment whose faces had a familiar look, but he could not remember where he had seen them. Two of them stepped on shore and gently lifted him in their arms and carried him to a boat. Too weary to speak, he rested on a couch of down and the boat moved slowly on, and the sweet singers chanted "Hallelujah to the Lamb of God who has washed us in His own precious blood." Reaching the distant shore they lifted him in their arms and carried him tenderly through the golden gates, where his whole being was enraptured at sight of the glory around him. Presently a voice which thrilled his whole being said: "Come, ye blessed of my Father." Upon his head was placed a golden crown studded with many jewels; around him was thrown a robe of dazzling whiteness and the same sweet voice thrilled his soul with the words, "These who guided thee safely over the waters are the precious souls thou didst lead to Me in Africa. I knew how hard it was for thee to leave home, friends, and native land, and go into that dark continent, but thou didst not shrink, or grow weary in thy work. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Again the boatman chanted and the hosts of heaven caught up the strains, and its arches echoed and re-echoed with the song of redemption.

Thou blest K. C. Society roll on, and thou shalt leave as a virgin kiss, a rainbow that shall span the world and upon whose iridescent arch rest the floors of heaven. Fly on blest influence, make men's natures love their characters of holiness, and thus establish the divine truth of thy mission.

#### THE CHICAGO MISSION.

As already known, I have taken charge of the Chicago Mission. This is a great and responsible work and can only be made a success with God's blessing and your help. I ask every reader of the King's Children to ask God to help and bless us in this work, and when you come to Chicago make a special effort to come and see us. I would suggest that you form a mission circle in your town or community and read the course. It will be a blessing to you. Brother C. F. Yoder has charge of this course. Let us stand by each other and stand by Christ who told us to go and preach the gospel to others, and he who commands will be with you to give grace and glory.

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## Church News.

#### FROM MOLINE, ILL.

We had the pleasure of visiting the brethren in the vicinity of Galesburg, Kan., the first week in September. Held two meetings in the Christian Church at Galesburg, and three meetings in the Brethren Church two miles north of town. The attendance was good and the attention was *very* good. The members located there are wide-awake, and all seem to be zealous, active workers. They are very anxious to see the good cause prosper; and as Brother Hixson and others have been sowing seed there in the past, it seems only necessary to "water," and God will give the increase.

There is evidently plenty of available material there for building up a church. We expect to locate with them soon, and they are anxious for their brethren to locate with them. They have a neat little church building for worship, and their country offers great inducements by way of cheap farms to those wishing to engage in agricultural pursuits. Land can be bought in almost any quantity, at from \$5 to \$15 per acre. And judging from present crops it has a very fertile soil. We were informed that any one visiting Neosho Co., in view of locating will be taken around to see the country, so there need be no fear of livery bills.

Further information may be had by addressing J. L. Hamilton, D. B. Clum, Galesburg, Kan.

W. J. HANNAN.

#### COMMUNION NOTICE.

The Brethren of Buckeye City, Ohio, will hold their communion Friday evening Oct. 16. The brethren of neighboring congregations are cordially invited. We expect to hold a revival of about two weeks previous to the communion and solicit the earnest prayers of the brethren everywhere for the success of the cause.

Faternally,

H. M. OBERHOLTZER.

#### COMMUNION NOTICE.

The brethren composing the Maple Grove Church, Delaware Co., Ind., will hold their communion service Saturday evening, Oct. 10, 1896. A cordial invitation is extended.

WM. W. SUMMERS, Pastor.

#### FROM COLLEGE CORNER.

Sunday evening, Sept. 20, two more young ladies united with us at the College Corner Church, Indiana. The work moves on.

WM. W. SUMMERS.